

National Science Body

1515. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian talent in science and technology can make India a much developed country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has sought a national science body having its centres in every taluk and major villages, to nurture a creative environment for bright youngsters; and
- (c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Indian talent in science and technology has great potential to make the country a developed nation. India has exceptionally strong talent in various fields of S&T ranging from Basic Sciences, to Technology development in strategic fields like Atomic Energy, Space Research, Defence, Agriculture, Biotechnology, Medicine, and Information Technology among others, which could make India a developed nation in the near future. Recognising this, Government has prepared a Technology Vision 2020 in various key areas required for nation building.

(b) and (c) The Central Vigilance Commissioner Shri N. Vittal, in his personal capacity has delivered a lecture "India and Technology" on the eve of National Technology Day on 11-05-2001 where, a suggestion has been made for setting up of Nation wide Community Science Centres at grass-root level practically in every talukas and major villages for improvement and development of technology. Government have taken note of this.